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1. Resistance against the present Communist regime in Bulgaria takes the form of passive resistance. People do not attend compulsory meetings or refuse to join the agricultural cooperatives as an expression of their discontent.
2. In the summer of 1952, slogans slandering the Communist authorities were written on the walls in some villages near the town of Popovo. Immediately, the Militia agents came and wiped off the slogans and arrested several opponents of the regime. The Militia told the peasants that if such slogans appeared again, all the peasants in the village would be held responsible.
3. In the spring of 1952, the words "We want war!" appeared on the wall of one of the rooms belonging to the eighth grade of the former first gymnasium in Sofia. Immediately there was an investigation and a certain Lyulya (lmu), who lived on Aksakov Street in Sofia, was arrested and sent to the Militia for interrogation. After she had been subjected to pressure, she confessed and was dismissed from the school.
4. At the same school, a group of pupils beat a Russian pupil and cried "Out with the Russians!". Later, several pupils were dismissed from the school, among whom was Suzana Dimitrova, a daughter of Dr. Georgi M. Dimitrov. She was accused of being the instigator of the incident.

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